

**III. Remarks**

After entry of the amendment, claims 24-54 are pending.

Claims 1-23 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 24-54 are supported by the originally filed claims and the specification at, for example, page 22, line 24 to page 23, line 2; and page 34, lines 1-5.

**A. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 4-5, 14-15 and 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Upon review of the trademark database at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov), one skilled in the art would know that Prosolv® is the trademark for a silicified microcrystalline cellulose (Exhibit A); Expotab® is the trademark for a sodium starch glycolate (Exhibit B); and that TIMERx® is the trademark for a heteropolysaccharide and polysaccharide gum excipient (Exhibit C).

In view of the newly submitted claims, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is now moot.

**B. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103**

Claims 1-3, 6-13 and 16-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by and under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over Gilbert et al (WO 98/40053).

In view of the newly submitted claims, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is moot.

**C. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 4, 5, 14, 15 and 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over Gilbert (WO 98/40053) in combination with Baichwal et al (US Patent No. 4,994,275).

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and respectfully submit that the claims are unobvious over the combination of cited references and that the PTO has not established a *prima facie* case of obviousness.

The PTO asserts that any conventional controlled-release technology can be used to achieve the desired tablet formulation and admits that Gilbert does not expressly teach the TIMERx® formulation.

On May 6, 2003, a review of the patents in the PTO database from 1976 to May 6, 2003, at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) revealed 22,097 hits for a boolean search of "controlled," "release," and

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"pharmaceutical;" **17,479** hits for a boolean search of "sustained," "release," and "pharmaceutical;" and **11,214** hits for a boolean search of "extended," "release," and "pharmaceutical."

If Gilbert teaches that any conventional controlled-release technology can be used and Gilbert does not teach TIMERx®, Applicants respectfully request to be advised why one skilled in the art would be motivated to select the Baichwal et al reference among the more than 22,000 patents from 1976 to the present in the PTO database that describe conventional controlled-release technology. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is improperly based on a hindsight review of the references.

Baichwal et al describe sustained release excipients. Baichwal et al do not disclose or suggest that the sustained release excipients could be used for pharmaceutical compositions comprising a combination of immediate release formulations and controlled release formulations; and does not disclose or suggest that the sustained release excipients could be used for pharmaceutical compositions where the (+) and (-) chiral enantiomers are separated in the formulation. There is simply no motivation for one skilled in the art to use the sustained release excipients described by Baichwal et al in the formulation described by Gilbert.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

**IV. Conclusion**

An early and favorable consideration and allowance of claims 24-54 is respectfully requested.

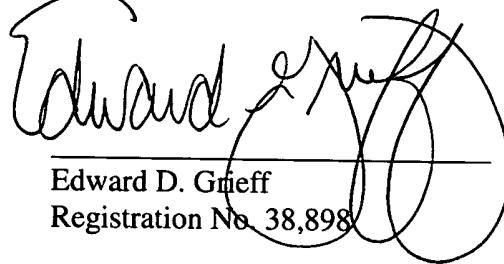
No fees are believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

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The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Exhibit A



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**Registration Number** 1097160  
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